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1. SUMMARY: JUNE WAS A MONTH OF CONSIDERABLE DIPLOMATIC
ACTIVITY, WITH THREE NEW NARCOTICS AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED
WITH THE GOM. MEETINGS CONTINUED ON THE GOM LIST OF
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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 1974-1975 CAMPAIGN. THE GOM PROVIDED

REQUESTED FIGURES ON FUEL CONSUMPTION THUS FAR THIS YEAR. NINE MEXICANS ATTENDED SAODAP TRAINING COURSE. DR. JEAN PAUL SMITH OF NIDA VISITED MEXICO, TOIRED TIJUANA/SAN DIEGO AREA WITH CEMEF OFFICIALS. UN SOCIAL SCIENCE DEFENSE INSTITUTE HELD CONFERENCE NEAR MEXICO CITY. SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE CHARGED GUERRILLAS TRADING DRUGS FOR ARMS. CONCERN IN MEXICO OVER STATEMENTS THAT MEXICO PROVIDES OVER 50 PERCENT OF US-USED HEROIN. HEROIN AND MARIJUANA SEIZURES UP CONSIDERABLY IN JUNE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES

A. IN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONTH AND FOLLOWING SEVERAL NEGOTIATING EXCHANGES, ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA ON JUNE 24 SIGNED LETTRS OF AGREEMENT WITH AMBASSADOR JOVA PROVIDING FOR THREE FURTHER USG INPUTS INTO THE COOPERATIVE NARCOTICS PROGRAM. THE THREE AGREEMENTS STIPULATE THAT THE USG WILL (A) SUPPLY MATERIAL, TECHNICAL, OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING SUPPORT FOR "COMPASS TRIP", A SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUE TO LOCATE OPIUM POPPY FIELDS; (B) REIMBURSE THE GOM FOR THE COST OF FUEL CONSUMED DURING THE JANUARY-MAY 1974 ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN AND PROVIDE THE SERVICES FOR ONE YEAR OF TWO TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS FOR HELICOPTERS; AND (C) PROVIDE TWO NEW BELL 206 HELICOPTERS TO REPLACE ONES PREVIOUSLY DESTROYED. THE TOTAL COST TO THE USG OF THE THREE AGREEMENTS WILL BE ABOUT \$1.1 MILLION DOLLARS. (REPORTED IN MEXICO 5431 AND 5801.) MEANWHILE, FIVE MEXICAN "COMPASS TRIP" TECHNICIANS WERE UNDERGOING FURTHER TRAINING AT NASA'S MISSISSIPPI FACILITY AND THE TWO HELICOPTER CONSULTANTS WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO JULY 1.

B. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS DEPUTY MET WITH DEA AND EMBASSY OFFICERS ON JUNE 7 TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE GOM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 1974-1975 CAMPAIGN (REPORTED IN MEXICO 4831). AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUGGESTION, A SIMILAR MEETING WAS HELD ONE WEEK LATER WITH THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS STAFF TO DISCUSS FURTHER REFINEMENTS TO THE GOM'S LIST OF REQUIREMENTS (REPORTED IN MEXICO 5109).

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C. IN MID-JUNE THE GOM INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE FUEL CONSUMED THUS FAR BY THE FOUR BELL 206 HELICOPTERS GRANTED UNDER THE FEBRUARY 1, 1974 AGREEMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING, THE INFORMATION WAS FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON SO THAT THE GOM CAN BE REIMBURSED (SEE MEXICO

4983).

D. NINE MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED A SPANISH LANGUAGE CLINICAL COURSE IN DRUG ABUSE, CONDUCTED BY THE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE AT THEIR MIAMI TRAINING CENTER, JUNE 15 THROUGH JUNE 22. BECAUSE THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH (CEMEF), UNDER DR. BELSASSO, HAS RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FORMATION OF TREATMENT/PREVENTION CENTERS THROUGHOUT MEXICO, ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE FROM THE CEMEF STAFF (SEE MEXICO 4692).

E. DR. JEAN PAUL SMITH, NIA DIRECTOR OF INTERNA-

TIONAL PROGRAMS, VISITED MEXICO JUNE 9-12. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH CEMEN AND OTHER DRUG RESEARCHERS IN THE CAPITAL, DR. SMITH JOINED DR. BELSASSO AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF IN A TRIP TO SURVEY THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE SAN DIEGO/TIJUANA AREA.

N. DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE WAS IN THE NEWS AGAIN IN JUNE, WITH A STATEMENT BY A MEXICO CITY PHYSICIAN ALLEGING THAT THERE ARE 1.5 MILLION PERSON IN MEXICO PRACTICING SOME FORM OF DRUG ABUSE (BUT APPARENTLY NOT INCLUDING ALCOHOL). ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE, THE UN'S SOCIAL SCIENCE DEFENSE INSTITUTE HELD A SERIES OF CONFERENCES AT A RESORT NEAR MEXICO CITY DURING THE LAST DAYS OF JUNE. THE INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR DR. PIEDER KONZ, WAS SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY CEMEN'S DR. GUIDO BELSA SO TO

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WASHINGTON IN EARLY JULY.

G. REFERRING TO THE GUERRILLAS IN GUERRERO STATE, THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE CHARGED THAT THE "DELINQUENTS" WERE EXCHANGING NARCOTICS FOR ARMS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A RANKING GOM OFFICIAL HAS MADE THIS CHARGE PUBLICLY (WHETHER TRUE OR NOT, AS APPLIED TO THE GUERRILLAS).

H. ON JUNE 10 THE MEXICAN PRESS AND TELEVISION CARRIED AP AND AFP WIRESERVICE STORIES QUOTING USG OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT MEXICAN HEROIN NOW ACCOUNTED FOR OVER FIFTY PERCENT OF THE HEROIN CONSUMED IN THE US. ALTHOUGH A SUBSEQUENT DEA PRESS RELEASE GAVE CREDIT

WHERE DUE TO THE GOM AND HELPED PUT THE PROBLEM IN
PERSPECTIVE, THE REPORTS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE SENSATION
IN MEXICO, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FELT CONSTRAINED
TO ISSUE HIS OWN "CLARIFICATION" OF THE MATTER.
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3. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

1.5 KGS. HEROIN SEIZED IN CIUDAD JUAREZ; TWO

PERSONS ARRESTED

550 GM. HEROIN, 225 POUNDS MARIJUANA TAKEN

AT SAN LUIS, SONORA; HONORARY HONDURAN CONSUL
ARRESTED.

2 AMCIT WOMEN ARRESTED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT
WITH SMALL AMOUNT OF COCAINE.

10 TONS OF PACKAGED MARIJUANA SEIZED IN ACAPULCO;

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TRUCK DRIVER ARRESTED.

JOINT OPERATION AT AGUA PRIETA AND NACO, SONORA
NETTED 14 ARRESTS, 14 OZ. HEROIN, 3000 POUNDS
MARIJUANA, 15 WEAPONS AND 10 VEHICLES
SEIZED.

3 TONS PACKAGED MARIJUANA TAKEN AT ACAPULCO;
DRIVER ARRESTED.

2 KG., 100 GM. COCAINE SEIZED AT ORIZABA, VERACRUZ;
THREE ARRESTS.;

880 GM. COCAINE TAKEN IN MONTERREY; 9 PERSONS
ARRESTED, THREE WEAPONS SEIZED.

NOTORIOUS TRAFFICKER GZJOHNNY" GRANT AND 9 OTHERS
ARRESTED IN NOGALES, SONORA; 2500 POUND
MARIJUANA, &15 GM. HEROIN TAKEN.

ONE TON OF MARIJUANA SEIZED IN TECATE, BAJA
CALIFORNIA; TWO ARRESTS, AND AN ADDITIONAL
8 TONS SEIZED LATER THE SAME DAY.

ONE KG. RAW OPIUM SEIZED IN ACAPULCO; FOUR
ARRESTED.

4.60 KG. HEROIN, 4.750 KG. COCAINE, 615 KG.
MARIJUANA, 90,000 AMPHETAMINE TABLETS TAKEN
AT TIJUANA; 3 PERSONS ARRESTED.

5 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN SAN YSIDRO; FURTHER
INVESTIGATION PRODUCED 37 TONS MORE IN
MEXICALI; 5 ARRESTS.

B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

2 AMCITS KILLED IN SHOOTOUT, FOUR PERSONS ARRESTED,
1000 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR TORREON,
COAHUILA.

5.5 KG. HEROIN SEIZED IN MEXICALI; TWO PERSONS
ARRESTED.

65 GM. HEROIN TAKEN IN MEXICALI; ONE ARREST.

4 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT;
TWO ARRESTS.

1 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY
AIRPORT; ONE AMCIT ARRESTED.

4 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN IN ACAPULCO; THREE ARRESTS.

3 OZ. COCAINE SEIZED, AMCIT ARRESTED JT MEXICO
CITY AIRPORT.

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12.9 KG. RAW OPIUM SEIZED ON BUS IN MAZATLAN;
THREE MINORS ARRESTED.
ONE TON MARIJUANA, 330 GM. HEROIN, ONE AIRCRAFT,
THREE VEHICLES AND FIVE WEAPONS SEIZED IN
NOGALES; 30 PERSONS ARRESTED.
1.130 KG. HEROIN INTERCEPTED NORTH OF CULIACAN,
SINALOA; THREE ARRESTED.
3 FEMALE COCAINE TRAFFICKER FUGITIVES ARRESTED
IN GUAYMAS, SONORA.

C. MONTHLY WRAPUP (OFFICIAL GOM)

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED	81
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	259,598 M2
POPPY SEED	-
OPIUM GUM	13.900 KG.
HEROIN	15.499 KG.
COCAINE	12.882 KG.

AMPHETAMINES AND BARBITURATES

TABLETS SEIZED	90,000
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MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED	260
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	343,222 M2
MARIJUANA (DRY) SEIZED	87.403 TONS
SEED	31.2 KG

AIRCRAFT SEIZED	7
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AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS	112
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ARRESTS

FOREIGNERS (MOSTLY US)	39
MEXICAN NATIONALS	292

NOTE:

THE EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL COMPILATION OF DEA REPORTS
AND PRESS ACCOUNTS CORRESPONDS CLOSELY TO OFFICIAL
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GOM FIGURES THIS MONTH, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING HEROIN,
RAW OPIUM AND COCAINE SEIZED.

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